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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **THE USE OF A HYDROGEN PEROXIDE PLASMA  
STERILIZATION METHOD FOR THE MILD STERILIZATION OF  
TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE PRODUCTS**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 22 pages, including 1 independent claim and 23 claims total.
2. Drawings- 1 sheet of drawing containing 1 figure .
3. Certified copy of German Patent Application No. 101 03 706.6, filed on January 26, 2001.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.

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5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ \$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
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Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$84	
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on German Patent Application No.  
101 03 706.6, filed on January 26, 2001.

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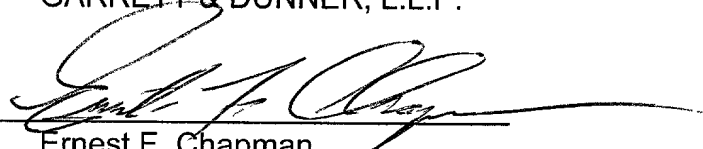
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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